

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are listed as pending in the application, which claims have been rejected. Claims 17-19, directed to non-elected subject matter, have been canceled.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-16 are requested.

DISCUSSION

Change in Power of Attorney and Correspondence Address

Pursuant to the executed PTO/SB/122 (Change of Correspondence Address) and Associate Power of Attorney Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.34 forms filed March 15, 2007, Applicants request recognition of the undersigned attorney as Applicant's representative in the present application.

Rejection of Claims 1-8 and 11-16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The Examiner rejected claims 1-16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Jacobsen, et al. (U.S. 6,517,864, '864 hereinafter), in view of Girsh, et al. (U.S. 5,753,296, '296 hereinafter). The gist of the rejection is that one of ordinary skill would have been motivated to combine the transmucosal compositions of '864, containing R and S forms of tolterodine, with the compositions disclosed in '296, comprising, *inter alia*, cocoa powder.

Section 103(c) of 35 U.S.C. provides that "[s]ubject matter developed by another person, which qualifies as prior art only under one or more of subsections (e), (f), and (g) of section 102 of this title, shall not preclude patentability under this section where the subject matter and the claimed invention were, at the time the invention was made, . . . subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person."

Applicants note that Jacobsen, et al., is not a reference against the instant application because the subject matter of Jacobsen, et al., and that of the instant application were, at the time the present invention was made, both under an obligation of common assignment.

Statement of Common Ownership

U.S. Pat. No. 6,517,864 (Jacobsen, et al.), which claims priority to U.S. Application Serial No. 09/763,654, was, at the time the present invention was made, assigned to Pharmacia AB. The instant application, U.S. Serial No. 10/816,673, is also under obligation of common assignment to Pharmacia AB, now a wholly-owned subsidiary of Pfizer Inc.

In support thereof, Applicants refer to the Assignment in U.S. Application Serial No. 09/763,654, recorded at Reel 011759, Frame 0911, a copy of which is transmitted concurrently herewith for the Examiner's consideration, marked as "EXHIBIT A."

Nothing in Girsh, et al., ('296) teaches, discloses, or suggests the incorporation of tolterodine, or any form thereof, into the compositions taught therein.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-8 and 11-16 are requested.

Rejection of Claims 1-16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The Examiner further rejected claims 1-16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Jacobsen, et al. ('864), in view of Girsh, et al. ('296), and Pather, et al. (U.S. 6,200,604, '604 hereinafter).

Applicants note the instant disqualification hereinabove of the Jacobsen, et al., reference pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §103(c). Neither Girsh, et al., ('296) nor Pather, et al., ('604) teach, disclose, or suggest,

separately or in proper combination, the incorporation of tolterodine, or any form thereof, into the compositions taught therein.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-16 are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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